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FEDERALS PLAN TO DRIVE REBELS **OUT OF CHIHUAHUA**

Army Will Leave Ojinaga on March Within Few Days.

CONSUL REPORTS AMERICANS SAFE

Stories of Gross Mistreatment Without Foundation-No Reply From Villa to Representations by State Department-Effort to Relieve Financial Situation.

Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, Decem ber 17 .- "Unless present plans are changed, and I see no reason why they

washington officials have believed that the stories emanating from refugees and Federal partisans to the effect that Americans and other foreigners in Chinuahua were being subjected to gross distreatment were without foundation, but in the absence of official information in the property of the propert

so far Consul Letcher has forward-thin bed to the State Department no reply Spunish residents of Chihuahua, but to his military activity. Little doubt to is felt that General Villa will heed In this connection department officials of Huerta, which are said to have been made by the Spanish element on the American side of the border.

period of quiet after the exciting CREW SAFE ON FRENCH SHIP

London and Mexico, and two or three flash other concerns, which met this afternoon with the acting head of

Finance Department. No difficulty is anticipated in having

PLAN OF USEFUL GIVING

President's Daughter Thinks Whole Christmas Spirit Might Be Altered. Washington, December 17.—Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, who is chairman of the Washington committee of the Society for the Prevention of Uneless Glving, in a public statement today suggested a plan of useful Christmas giving for local "Spugs," which, if adopted in the capital, she said she felt might "alter the whole Christmas spirit all over this mighty and prosperous land." She said the "Spug" movement was directed not solely at useless Christmas giving, but towards

TO BE FINEST SHIP AFLOAT

North German Lloyd Liner Columbus
Launched at Danzig.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Danzig, December 17.—The 35,606ton steamship Columbus was launched
here to-day in the presence of the
crown princess of Germany and a
brilliant assemblage of guests. The
christening of the ship was performed
by the crown princess.

The new ship, which is the largest
ever constructed on the Baltic, will be
the largest in the service of the North
German Lloyd. She is the first of sixteen new vessels that will increase the
tonnage of that company's fleet by
188,609 tons.

Her dimensions are \$5,666 tons.

DREAMS HUSBAND ELOPES

PROMISES TO GO TO WORK

fiscating property in Chihuahua. He said that in expelling the Spanairds in fessional mendicant a body he was acting according to the position taken by General Carranza with whom he was in full accord.

Administration Relieved.

Washington, December 17.—Reassurance as to the safety of Americans in Chihuahua conveyed to-day by Consult that the could not work he could not send him to the House of Correction. On the other hand, he could not between that city and El Paso, came has a relief to the administration here. Washington officials have believed that

seried of quiet after the exciting fevents of the past week, but their peace of mind is marred by the news that 4,000 Constitutionalists are encamped within twenty miles of the town, and may renew the attack as soon as they can replenish their store of ammanition. There is likely to be little change in the disposition of the vessels of the American fleet near Tampleo for the present.

To Relieve Money Situation.

Mexico City, December 17.—A presidential decree making the State Bank motes legal tender throughout the republic, a guarantee fund to be subscribed by the state banks and deposited in the National Bank, and finally, a government guarantee of the peak notes, is the program decided upon by a committee of five bankers, representing the National, the Bank of London and Mexico, and two or three other concerns, which met this afternoon with the acting bar that the rescue broad-cast.

Men Rescued From Abandoned Steamer on Their Way to Dover.

San Francisco, December 17.—The crew of the dismasted and abandoned Britsh steel ship Dalgonar, who had been given on their way to Dover, aboard the French ship Loire, who had been given of the const of Chile, Captain J. Ibester and three of his men are dead. How they perished the news that reached here to-day did not tell. First word of the loss of the Dalgonar, which carried a crew of about thirty, reached here on December 10, when the French ship Loire. When the French ship Loire, way to Dover, aboard the F

HID UNDER ANCHOR CHAIN

ADOPT NEW PLAN OF APPORTIONMENT THAT HITS SOUTH

Republicans Favor Rad- He Recommends Acqui- Only, However, if Presical Change in Basis of Representation.

STATES NOW MUST INDORSE ACTION

From 33 to 16 Per Cent of Convention's Total - National Committee Concludes Its Labor for Reform in Party Procedure.

tional convention to be held in the year 1916, unless prior to January 1, 1915, Republican State conventions held under the laws of the States, or called by the Republican State com-mittee of the States in such number of

Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, Vi. ginia—7.

According to figures submitted by the subcommittee, the new pian would reduce the total number of delegates from 1,083, as in 1912, to 992. Under it, these States would lose delegates:

Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 3; Florida, 4; Georgia, 16; Illinois, 2; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 7; Mississippi, 8; New York, 4; North Carolina, 3; Pennsylvania, 1; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 15; Virginia, 9, and Hawaii, 4. The Southern States would have 164 delegates in all.

were given two each without the right to vote

R. B. Howell, of Nebraska, led the fight against the resolution. He proposed as a substitute one of the plans submitted by the Republican National Committee, which provided for four delegates-at-large from each State and one delegate in addition for each 10,votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate for presidential electors in 1908.

No difficulty is anticipated in having President Huerta issue the decree, the bankers deeming this the only means of maintaining in circulation a sufficient amount of the medium of exchange.

New York, December 17.—Ten thousand rounds of revolver cartridges, hidden under an anchor chain of the catemer Allemannia, were seized by customs inspectors here this after-exhausted the reserve deposit funds of only three more State banks to-day by adroit delay in paying and by refusal to accept more than 20 per cent of the bills offered for redemption. Long before the regular hour of opening, a (Continued On Second Page.)

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BURLESON HOPES AUDITOR ASSERTS FOR OWNERSHIP STATE'S TAX RATE BY GOVERNMENT CAN BE REDUCED

ent Sources of Revenue Are Retained.

TAXPAYERS SAVE HALF A MILLION

Quota of South Will Be Reduced Successful Operation of Parcel Senate Finance Committee Be-Post Demonstrates Capacity to Conduct Public Utilities-Actual Surplus for First Time Since 1883-Commends Merit System. Pay for Judges.

sition of Telegraph and

Telephone Lines.

SELF-SUPPORTING

POSTAL SERVICE

ing immediate ratification of the proposal. This address will be drawn up shortly after the Christmas holidays, and leading members of the committee expressed the hope to-night that it would be met by early action.

Approval by the States will insure a call from the national committee for

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been competently declared that a temphone message and a telegram are the same within the meaning of the laws governing the telegraph service, and, therefore, it is believed that the statute enabling the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised various try will enable the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised various try will enable the government to an uniformal try will enable the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised various try will enable the government to acquire, the telephonic network of the country. While it is true that the tele-report the state of the sta

The District of Columbia and Alaska were provided with two delegates each by separate action, and the Philippines, Porto Rico, and Hawali, also were given two cosh without the provided by harmonizing equipment, adjusting the personnel and not for profit. Its controlling purpose will be to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service, which will be attained by harmonizing equipment, adjusting the personnel and not for profit. Its controlling purpose will be to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service, which will be attained by harmonizing equipment, adjusting the personnel and not for profit. Its controlling purpose will be to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service, which will be attained by harmonizing equipment, adjusted to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service. greatest possible co-operation in every quarter. "The prime consideration in perfect-

ing the personnel of the postal service shall be to recognize efficiency and to climinate partisanship. In the exten-sion of service and in the imposition of charges the government must be guided not by the consideration of profit but by the needs of the people who have a right to expect the most efficient postal service, administered in the most economical manner possible and made available to them at rates involving for the service as a whole, no element of taxation. The service should be extended, with due regard for the exigencies of public revenue, wherever its benefits, commercial and (Continued On Fifth Page.)

ROUND TRIP CHRISTMAS TICKETS Via Norfolk and Western Railway will be sold for all trains from now until Christmas Day, Final limit Jan. 6, 1914, \$2.45 Norfolk, \$5.05 Lynchburg.—Adv.

gins Work on Appropriation Bill, Department Heads Showing Their Needs for Next Two Years-More

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"Resolved. That this committee shall issue a call for the national convention to be held in the year 1916 to nominate candidates for President and in the postal provision of the Constitute of the postal provision of the Constitute of the postal provision of the Constitute of the States; be it will not expected.

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Governor-Elect Henry C. Stuart was invited to sit with the committee, as many of the problems in connection many of the problems in connection with State institutions are under his scrutiny at this time, and may be re-ferred to in his first annual message to the General Assembly. Senators Early and Massie conveyed the invitation to the Governor-elect, and later in the day Mr. Stuart listened to the proceedings for some time. Members of the committee and the Governor-elect were Members of the the guests of Senator Wendenburg at luncheon during the brief recess taken by the committee, which is pressing forward with the hope of closing all public hearings on appropriations by o-morrow night. A new item of \$5,000

creases in pay for his office force, as follows: first clerk, from \$2.100 to about \$2,500; second clerk, from \$1,100 to \$1,500; third clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and fourth clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100, making an annual increase of \$800. He also asked for \$1,700 for protection of invaluable records in his office by steel filing cases

WILL EXAMINE THAW

regerous to the public peace and feety.

The theory of the New York courts cing that Thaw's custody at Matswan was not as punishment for three, but for recovery of harmless a non-dangerous mental poise, and int the question of recovery is one hich is to be treated as always open, he answer to the question of mental oise in respect to public danger is the new one upon which the opinion of he commission is sought.

When the report of the commission presented the parties may have save to be heard further on the question of bail.

ESPIONAGE IS STOPPED

Shadowing of Miss MacVane by Italian

had passed between Miss MacVane and himself was of a purely social nature, and could not, by any possible stretch of circumstances, he construed into the foundation of the charge.

DAVIS'S GRANDSON WEDS

VERMONT DISABLED AT SEA

NEW TURN IN GRAFT PROBE

In State of Utter Collapse Because of

HER PET DOG IS MISSING

some money.

LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE TAX ON BANK DEPOSITS

Senate Finance Committee Will Urge Repeal of Obsolete Law.

DRIVING MONEY FROM VIRGINIA

Bankers Show Importance of Prompt Action to Prevent Withdrawals on February 1, Approval Being Given Plan for Relief-Put Through as Emergency Measure.

Authorities Diminishes.

pecial Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Rome, December 17.—The investigathe present heavy tax on deposits in

The recent efforts of grand juries, however, to discover omitted taxes, al-

Assembly meets on January 14, and already, it was stated, more than 75 per cent of the members have pledged their support to its immediate passage, in order that it may take effect before February 1—the day on which annual taxes on money in bank are levied.

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Text of the Bill.

The text of the bill follows:
A bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon money on deposit and to make it liable to taxation by the

delegation which presented the ject. He was accompanied by Garge Bryan, attorney for the Virginia Bank-Testimony Concerning Contracts on Croton Aqueduct.

New York, December 17.—District Attorney Whitman's investigation into political graft took a new turn today, when the grand jury heard testimony concerning the letting of contracts on the Croton Aqueduct, a New York City project. Anthony Deuglas, a tunnel contractor, once Mayor of Niagara Falls, who put in a bid for construction of the so-called Hudson River siphon and called to get the contract, was before the jury.

Bryan, attorney for the Virginia sank-ers' Association; Thomas Branch Me-Adams, cashier of the Merchants National Bank, and O. J. Sands, president of the American National Bank. The Bankers' Association had for some time, it was explained, thought that the tax on bank stocks was inequitable, but this matter of deposits was so much more urgent, and had such an immediate and definite bearing on the commercial welfare of the State, that it had been decided to drop all other commercial welfare of the State, that it had been decided to drop all other River siphon and called to get the contract, was before the jury.

Douglas testified, it was understood, that his bid, more than \$220,000 lower than that of the firm which got the contract, was rejected because he refused to contribute to certain politicians.

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matter very frankly.
"The old Auditor," he said, "looked MRS. PANKHURST RELEASED at the spirit rather than the letter of the law, and never made any effort to collect this tax. It has been on the

In State of Litter Collapse Because of "Hunger Strike."

London, December 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant suffragette leader, was released from Holloway Jail to-day. She had been imprisoned only since Saturday, when she was arrested while on her way from Paris to London.

Mrs. Pankhurst was in a state of collapse because of her "hunger strike," and was taken in an ambulance to headquarters of the militant suffragettes, where a physician was waiting, As soon as she is able she will go to Switzerland to recuperate.

COULD NOT AFFORD TO ACCEPT

The new auditor, Mr. Moore, who is doing a very effective work for the State, evidently believes that the best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it. So he called it to the attention of grand juries all over the State last year. The net result is that with Richmond people who make return of their money in bank the State and city taxes amount to 1 3-4 per cent, while the interest on savings funds only amounts to 3 per cent. We was inserted for advertising the resources of the State in the Agricultural Department budget, to be paid for out of the fertilizer tax, and was passed without dissent.

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New York, December 17.—William F. McCombs Chairman of the Democratic positors. But last year, when it got about that money in bank was property, and was subject to tax as property, and was subject to tax as property. ambassador to France.

"The post entails the expenditure of about \$150,000 a year," he said. "It pays \$17,500. I could not afford to accept it. I am going back to the practice of law, and I hope to make some money." come. The banks of Richmond have millions of dollars piled in their vaults for those depositors who wish to draw To Protect Documents,

State Librarian H. R. McIlwaine asked an increase in the pay of his assistant from \$1,800 to \$2,000. He asked for \$3,000 cach year for metal funishings for the manuscript room to make fireproof papers which could not be replaced if destroyed, and \$1,800 (Continued on Ninth Page.)

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